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PLACEMENTS UP 7 %

For the week ending April 28, 2007, growers placed 12.1 million broiler chicks in Delmarva growing houses, according to the Maryland Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. These placements were 7.1% above the comparable week a year earlier. Broiler-type chicks hatched (11.9 mill) increased 5.5% from comparable week in 2006. Eggs set in incubators during the week totaled 14.2 million, an increase of 3.6% from the same week a year earlier. Federally inspected slaughter on Delmarva was 11.0 million for the week ending April 21, 2007 compared to 10.3 million slaughtered during the same week in 2006.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED ON DELMARVA

WEEK ENDING	EGGS SET 1/		CHICKS HATCHED 1/		CHICKS PLACED 2/	
	PREV YEAR	CURR YEAR	PREV YEAR	CURR YEAR	PREV YEAR	CURR YEAR
----- THOUSANDS -----						
03/03/07	14,104	14,158	11,244	11,372	11,246	11,375
03/10/07	13,992	14,243	11,649	11,379	11,649	11,428
03/17/07	14,015	14,198	11,502	11,355	11,505	11,355
03/24/07	13,520	14,193	11,521	11,459	11,521	11,754
03/31/07	13,776	14,291	11,452	11,641	11,455	11,744
04/07/07	13,777	14,380	11,449	11,647	11,449	11,840
04/14/07	13,579	14,499	10,987	11,715	11,034	11,948
04/21/07	13,818	14,273	11,274	11,804	11,275	12,133
04/28/07	13,709	14,206	11,272	11,888	11,275	12,080

1/ For all broiler-type chicks, including those intended for hatchery flocks.

2/ The difference between chicks hatched and placed includes chicks withdrawn for hatchery flocks, inshipments and outshipments. None of those numbers are published to avoid disclosure of proprietary information.

* Revised.

NEGOTIATED PRICE FOR TRUCKLOT OF READY-TO-COOK, ICE-PACK, GRADE A FRYERS (\$ per CWT) 1/

	WEEK ENDING 05/05/07	PREV. WEEK	PREV. MONTH	PREV. YEAR
New York Weighted Avg	74.55	74.14	69.60	49.96
12-City Composite 2/	78.35	78.37	78.71	58.77

1/ Source: U.S.D.A., Poultry Market News.

2/ 12-cities: Boston/New England, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Denver, Detroit, Los Angeles, New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, St. Louis and San Francisco.